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Sgt. Gorbas, Sgt. Williamson change UCFPD positions

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Due to an organizational restructuring, Sergeant Tom Gorbas will be leaving his position as Crime Prevention Coordinator with the UCF Police Department as of this week and making way for the new coordinator, Sergeant Troy Williamson.

Since 1975, when Sgt. Gorbas served as the first parking patrol on the UCF campus, he has been an important part of the UCFPD. Gorbas eventually went on to become a police officer, a detective, and finally in 1994, Crime Prevention (CP) Unit Sergeant where he wore many hats and played many roles.

The CP Coordinator supervises three areas, the first of which is the Community Oriented-Policing/Crime Officers, a program established on a university campus first by UCF. The COP/CP Officers work to reduce crime rates through a



PHOTO BY ANDREA KEEGAN

As of this week, Sgt. Tom Gorbas will be replaced by Sgt. Troy Williamson as Crime Prevention Coordinator.

community police partnership of mutual trust and respect. They work to "develop a repertoire;

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Ecstasy causes controversy on college campuses

JENNIFER PATERSON
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While LSD was the drug of choice for a former generation, ecstasy has rolled onto the scene as the phenomenon of generation X and beyond. Its use and the potential dangers of it have been investigated by several news shows, newspapers, and graced the cover of Time magazine again last month.

The controversy is not its legality, but rather over the undetermined long-term effects it may have on the brain. While a generation of young club goers, cancer suffers, and even one of the founders of Microsoft tout the glorious empathic and anxiety-releasing effects as a wonder drug, scientists and other skeptics alike strongly disagree that its hypnotic effects can do any long term good.

College campuses are primal breeding grounds for new and uninformed ecstasy users.

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Students photograph lightning with rockets

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Engineering technology students and graduates of UCF led by engineering technology professor Nebil Misconi, are constructing rocket payloads in order to photograph lightning.

The group is investigating red-sprites and upward propagating lightning, using the payload to transmit images from above and through clouds. The 11-inch long payloads include a miniature high-resolution Sony video camera batteries, and a transmitter that are intended to provide images of high altitude lightning.

A Super Loki Rocket launched from NASA's Wallop's Island Flight Facility will take the payloads approximately 25 miles into the air, where the camerawill begin filming. The camera will then transmit real-time color video images to a monitor on earth.

Each payload will take approximately 60 seconds to reach the ejection point and 40 minutes to fall to the ocean. It is during this falling time that the camera, attached to a parachute, will photograph the surrounding lightning. There will be two launches during the July 5-9 window.

The students and Misconi are seeking relationships between the lightning bolts in the stratosphere and those closer to the ground.

Although photographs of lightning have been taken before, these by Misconi's students will be the first to be taken this



UCF FILE PHOTO

Students constructed rocket payloads in order to photograph lightning. These will be the first to be taken so close to the actual lightning.

close to the actual lightning. The group plans to build more payloads, "thanks to a grant from the UCF student government," said Kris Muller, president of ASET. The cost of the payloads is approximately \$23,000. Funding for the project comes primarily from a student government grant. The payloads will not be recovered due to the extra expense.

An agreement with NASA's Wallop's Island will provide the group with two free

launches that would otherwise cost approximately \$150,000. NASA has also donated "the upper stages of the rocket," says Misconi.

"Hopefully in the future we can send more," says Misconi, who has launched two payloads in the past.

The payload launches are a project of

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Ecstasy effects levels of serotonin, causes mood shifts

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"The first time I took ecstasy was my first night in my college dorm," said one UCF student.

"My roommate brought it. Looking back I am shocked at how easy it was to get it, but I took it."

The fact of the matter is that most people are not aware of the potential harmful effects, and the intense, euphoric effect of a first time use often overshadows any previous anxieties about the drug.

"I was so happy when I took it that I didn't care about what may happen," said another student. "Now that I look back I definitely regret it."

Ecstasy's effects on the brain can be severe. It works by causing the serotonin receptors in the brain to release all of the serotonin they hold at once, causing an overdose of this mood-enhancing chemical in the brain. Serotonin is the chemical in the brain that stabilizes mood. Scientists have done studies on animal brains and found that when they take doses equal to that of a human, these receptors are permanently damaged, stunting their production of the chemical in the future.

Although time has not

allowed many in-depth studies to be done on humans, due to the fact its popularity is just becoming widespread, there has been some initial research. A study done by George Ricaurte, a Johns Hopkins neurotoxicologist, shows that ecstasy may have an effect on memory. He gave memory tests to people who said they had last used ecstasy two weeks prior and he compared their results with a control group who had never used the drug. The ecstasy users did worse.

Many people think that ecstasy is safe because it does not have a hallucinatory effect, but this does not mean it cannot cause distress in someone who takes it. A few users have mentally broken down on ecstasy, unprepared for its powerful psychological effects. A schoolteacher in the Bay Area who had taken ecstasy in the past and loved it says she took it again a year ago and began to recall, in horrible detail, an episode of sexual abuse. She became severely depressed for three months and had to seek psychiatric treatment.

"Something similar to that happened to me as well," said a student at UCF. "I took ecstasy as a weekend user my whole freshman year of school and then one

time I freaked out and was sad. I stopped and was depressed for almost a year after."

The most imminent danger of this drug, however, is from overheating. When ecstasy causes serotonin to flush from the brain, it can short-circuit the body's ability to control temperature. Dozens of people have died from this in the past two decades.

The web site called www.ecstasy.org has testimonials of people who have used ecstasy and, according to some, propaganda promoting its use.

A poem on the website reads, "We sing, we laugh, we share/and most of all, we care." And includes testimonials from people who say ecstasy can help cure schizophrenia and contact dead relatives.

According to Ricaurte, "the vast majority of people who have experimented with MDMA appear normal, and there's no obvious indication of something amiss," he says that in 10 or 20 years we may discover differently. This is because its effects on the serotonin receptors in the brain are non-reversible and may result in long-term depression, possibly resulting in a generation medicated for depression.

UCF CP Coordinator takes on many roles

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people have developed over the years," commented Sgt. Gorbis. The second area is the Student Escort Patrol Service (SEPS). These part-time student workers, hired and trained by the UCFPD, provide an escort service to anyone on campus during evening hours.

The last area is Media Relations. In this area the CP Coordinator plays the role of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and strives to develop good relations with all of the local newspapers, television, and radio stations. The PIO provides the community with, police services information, campus crime information and statistics, and crime prevention information. Sgt. Gorbis' work as PIO can be found in the Central Florida Future in the articles relayed to students weekly about the UCFPD and the safety tips and crime statistics that are published throughout the year.

Sgt. Gorbis' predecessor Sgt. Williamson will soon be no stranger to playing the roles of the CP Coordinator. As a police officer with the UCFPD since 1984, Sgt. Williamson plans to use his years of experience to help "get the word out" as he puts it, to the public about crime and prevention. Sgt. Gorbis will be returning to patrol duty "running the campus" as shift supervisor on rotating shifts.

Both Gorbis and Williamson are open to any interaction with students. If you have any questions or comments about the UCFPD or crime prevention, feel free to call (407) 823-5555.

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Bush passes majority of funding for UCF

JENNIFER PATERSON
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jeb Bush has sustained all but two of the Legislature's funding issues for UCF. Those passed are a 2.5 percent salary increase for state employees that will go into effect Oct. 1 and a number of construction projects, including the Partnership II Building (\$15 million) and the UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning and Leadership (\$4.2 million), and \$15 million for UCF's share for downtown Orlando's Florida Center for the Arts and Education. The two vetoed items were \$350,000 for a partnership with the Civic Theater in Orlando and \$500,000 for the Lively Arts Center to enhance UCF's partnership with the Seaside Theater in Daytona Beach.

"Although there were several vetoes throughout the State University System, UCF fared well in the final approval of the budget," says Dan Holsenbeck, vice president for University Relations and the university's lobbyist. "It still was a very successful year in terms of meeting our priorities."

Lightning may be bad news for students

UCF's campus is likely to receive over 50 lightning strikes this year and the UCF Department of Health and Safety wants students to be aware of lighting hazards and how to avoid potential dangers.

Their tips? Seek shelter immediately in a fully enclosed building or car when you see lightning or hear thunder. Avoid high places and open fields, isolated trees, unprotected gazebos, rain or picnic shelters, baseball dugouts, communications towers, flagpoles, light poles, bleachers (metal or wood), metal fences, convertibles, golf carts, riding mowers and water (ocean, lakes, swimming pools, rivers, etc.) during thunderstorms. When inside a building: Avoid using the telephone, taking a shower, washing your hands, doing dishes, or any contact with conductive surfaces with exposure to the outside such as metal door or window frames, electrical, telephone and cable TV wiring, plumbing, etc.

Please contact Environmental Health and

Safety at (407) 823-5323 if you need further lightning safety information.

Picture Perfect Storm

By July 9, a high-resolution camera in a payload assembled by UCF engineering technology students will be launched 25 miles in the air by a Super Loki Rocket to take off from Wallops Island in Virginia. The camera should produce the first close-images of high altitude lighting first reported by NASA astronauts a few years ago. "Student's, some of whom have graduated, have been working on the payload for six months. These will be the first images made this close to the storms," said engineering professor Nebil Misconi, leader of the project.

See "Students photograph lightning with rockets" on front page for more.

High-Tech Revolution

Eleven political science professors are developing and offering two sections of the American National Government course as a mixed mode class. Working with a \$200,000 Pew

Grant in Course Redesign, administered through UCF's Center for Distributed learning, the course is a push into cyberspace and toward interactive, student-centered, collaborative classrooms. This course is a testing ground for a mix of Web and fact-to-face instruction, which experts hope will offer the best of both worlds. "We will use what we learn to design more appropriate or refine learning exercises for the Internet," says professor Hutch Pollock. "I hope the data shows that this format is at least as good, in terms of student output, as face-to-face teaching."

Observatory Open to Public

The Robinson Observatory is open for free public viewings July 5, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

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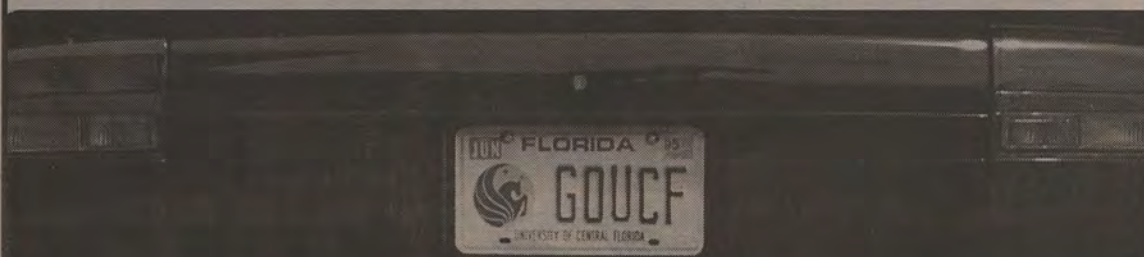
UCF Computer Services has formed a team to help users and departments adopt improved security practices in order to combat the increased attacks on computer systems

and networks by hackers. Their mission is to quickly identify and fix vulnerabilities in networks of major servers before they are exploited.

Out of Order by Ray Cooney to Play at UCF Theatre

Starting July 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre Building-Stage One will be the play, "Out of Order," by Ray Cooney. It's about a government minister's ambition to spend the evening with a typist who works for the opposing party that isn't fulfilled quite the way he planned. A body is discovered wedged in a sash window and he gets to spend his night trying to hide the fact. Things only get worse when the typist's husband shows up and the body turns out to be very much alive.

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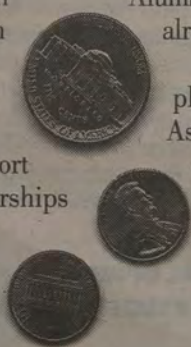
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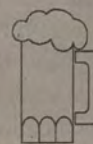
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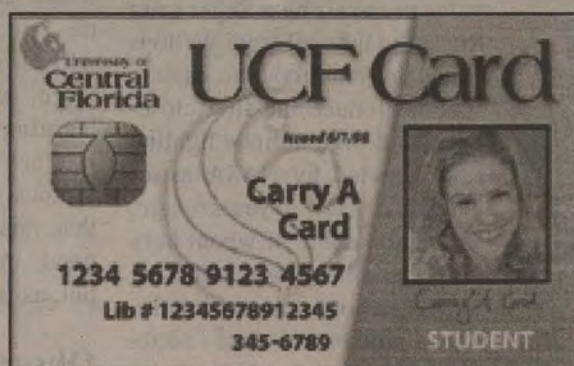
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UCF Students Enjoy Fast Track to Financial Aid Funds

Waiting in lines - the primary form of cruel and unusual punishment for college students. Nothing is a greater test of patience than walking up to a line of fellow students that stretches for miles. Especially when it involves receiving your financial aid funds. While waiting in lines may not entirely be eliminated, a solution has been found that doesn't require you to wait in any lines or wait anxiously for weeks to receive your financial aid funds in the mail. UCF and The Huntington National Bank have teamed up to create the University's first-ever electronic disbursement system for financial aid funds to UCF students. This new system eliminates waiting in line to receive your money and gives you faster access to your funds. Besides serving as your primary university ID, the UCF Card has the ability to store cash, is accepted by many on and off-campus vendors, and when linked to a Huntington account, can be used as an ATM card. Also, by linking your UCF Card to a Huntington Student Access checking account, the Financial Aid Department will deposit your funds directly into your account, and you'll receive your money within 24 hours of disbursement. You even have immediate notification of the deposit, via your voice mailbox with Z-tel. You will receive a message once



your funds are deposited letting you know exactly how much money you have received.

"Having the money deposited directly into my account makes things more convenient because I know exactly when I will have access to it," commented a UCF student enjoying the new service. Students who have their UCF card linked to their Huntington account will normally receive their funds the same day that the university processes the financial aid disbursement. Students who chose to receive their funds by check will receive the check within 10-12 days of the disbursement.

"With their hectic schedules, students need financial convenience and accessibility," said Jim Dunlap, President, Huntington Bank Southern Region. "This new feature allows students to focus on their education rather than worrying about how and when they will receive their financial aid funds," continued Dunlap.

To make this service even more attractive to students, Huntington has designed a no-fee checking account that is specifically tailored to UCF students. With Huntington's UCF Student Access account, excess usage fees, direct line call fees, and checking reserve participation fees are waived for as long as you are an actively enrolled student at UCF. In addition, Huntington is the exclusive provider of Golden Knight checks and checkbook covers. Huntington has an on-campus banking office, located across from the UCF Book Store for your convenience. Students can open an account by visiting the office or by calling 1-888-813-2511. The UCF Card can be obtained by visiting the Campus Carding office. With this new service, you have one less line to wait in and one less thing to worry about.

College students can relieve themselves of debt

JENNIFER PATERSON
STAFF WRITER

Debt among college students is not a unique phenomenon. In fact, studies show that over half of the students in college have accrued \$3,000 or more on a credit card. Falling into debt can be rather easy for someone just entering college, but getting out of it can often be much more difficult.

"I know people that left college with \$15,000 dollars on various credit cards, and half of their monthly income went to paying off these bills," said James Wilcox, a UCF student. "And their credit was ruined at this point too because they just let their bills sit while in school because the payments had become overwhelming."

Here is a practical guide for students to use to conquer their credit woes before it consumes them. Depending on the severity of one's debt, there are a variety of steps one can use.

1. Pay above the minimum balance. Paying only the minimum balance assures credit card companies a large return on their investment loan to you. Although technically, paying the minimum balance will eventually rid you of your debt, it is years on your conscious and often thousands of extra unneeded dollars in interest.
2. Consolidate. Seems like a word associated with adults, finances, and things that most college students just don't think they have to deal with, but in the aggressively solicited market of college campuses, this term has entered and become associated with the college student.

Consolidation is simply bulking all of your bills together, whether it is more than one credit card or other hard to pay, overdue bills (consolidation can be used for one large bill as well). Consolidation companies can often shave 5%-12% off the interest rate. This helps to lower payments and means less interest paid for the credit card holder. Usually a consolidation company charges a monthly fee ranging from \$20-\$40 a month for their services. Depending on the amount of debt and how much the interest rate is reduced, the amount paid in the long run usually ends up to be less than a high interest rate credit card.

The following website address has a calculator for the potential consolidator to see if their present payment situation or the deal provided by the consolidation company will be cheaper. <http://aol.smartmoney.com:81/ac/debt/calculator/index.cfm?story=intro>

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Debt not uncommon among college students

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3. Borrow from family. Often students are hesitant to borrow from family members due to embarrassment. "I did not tell my family about my debt, because I was embarrassed, until I could no longer afford the payments," said Theresa Jenkins, a student at UCF. "They had to bail me out and were really disappointed, not so much because of the amount of money, but because I did not tell them sooner."

4. Take out a student loan. Any student is eligible for an unsubsidized Stafford Loan (meaning they have no financial need) and the interest rate is variable with a maximum of 8.25%. Students can borrow \$2625 their first year and it goes up in increments thereafter. With unsubsidized loans, interest begins to accrue immediately and must either be paid or added to the principal while the student is in school and during the grace period, which is six months.

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So whatever your credit woes are, know there are solutions. Whichever choice you make, know the most important one is to take immediate action.

Things to beware of when obtaining a credit card:

1 Credit card companies lure in prospective customers by amazingly low interest rates, but keep in mind these introductory offers only last a limited amount of time. After that the interest rate can go to anywhere from 16%-25%.

2 The variable interest rate. A small piece of information but could and probably will end up costing students a lot of money if they have a balance on their credit card. Often credit card companies will make the customer feel safe with a stable interest rate for a year, but then raise it to 25% or more, which is often overlooked by a non-suspecting card holder.

3 The rising credit line. Many students feel safe with a credit line of \$500-\$1000 because even if they max it out, they are relatively not in much debt. But as students build a reputable credit with the company, they will often raise the credit line up to \$8000, or more, over time, regardless of a student's income or ability to pay it off. "My credit card company raised my credit line to \$6000, which made it difficult not to turn to it in every minor monetary emergency I had," said one UCF student. "Pretty soon it was maxed out."

Group hopes for many more launches

FROM PAGE 1

the American Society of Engineering Technology (ASET) founded in 1979 at UCF and the Engineering Technology Department at UCF. Engineering Technology comprises the more practical and applied side of engineering and incorporates more hands-on projects.

Atmospheric scientists will greatly benefit from this project. Lightning may generate electric fields and electromagnetic pulses and stratospheric lightning could potentially cause chemical changes in the atmosphere. The images from the payload's camera could show high energy x-rays and gamma rays caused by runaway electrons and also show red sprites.

The group believes this project will be an on-going one that will result in many more launches.

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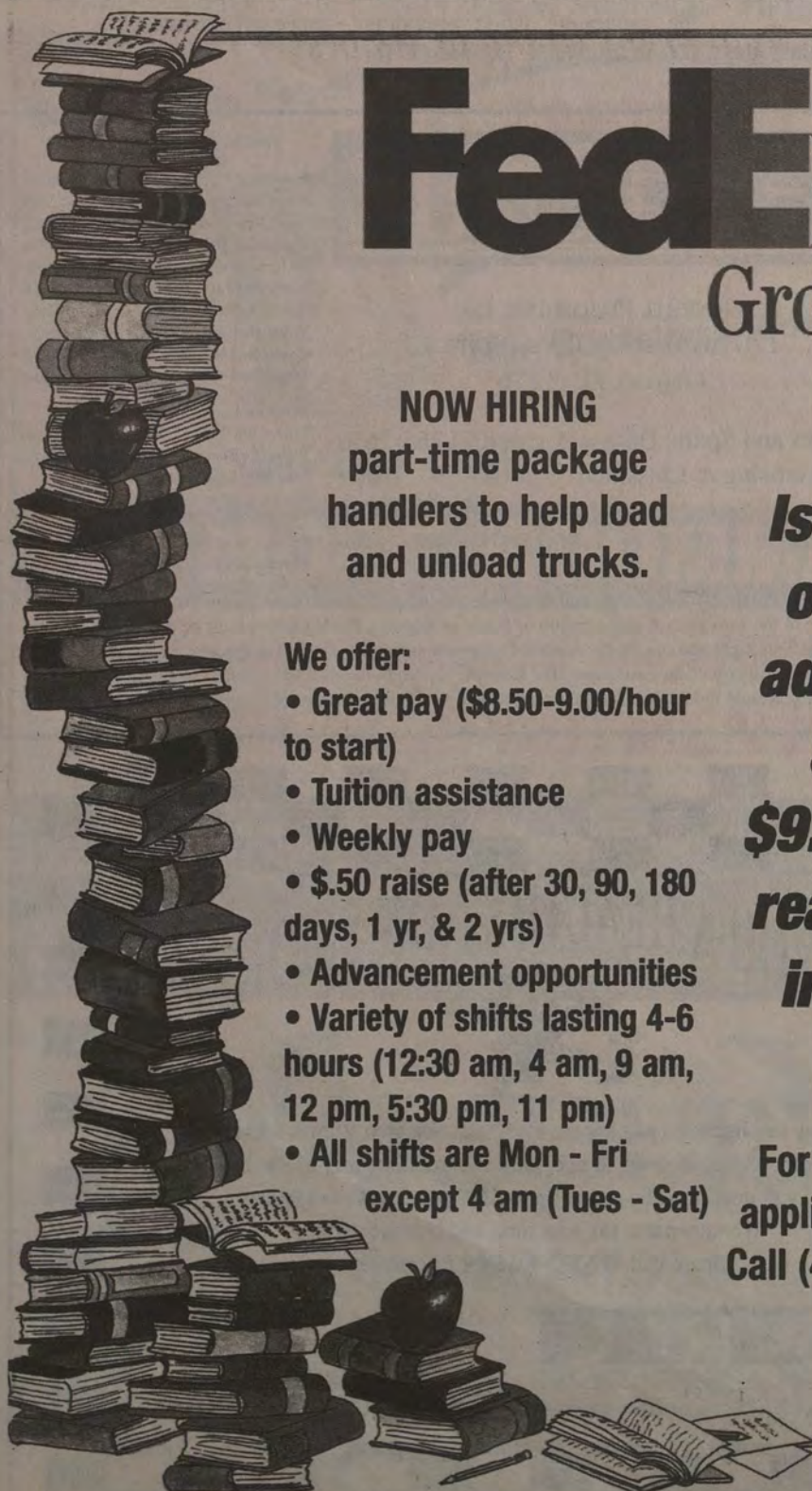
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OPINION

The list, baggy jeans of dating

BETH SHAW
STAFF WRITER

Upon recently watching two of my closest friends with their boyfriends, I began to consider the question "is there really someone for everyone?" I mean, does that we-never-argue-and-have-everything-in-common-couple really exist?

So finally I came out of the Gobi Desert of dating and entered a veritable pool of guys. Of course there are some sharks here and there and a few annoying algae types that I just want to scrape off

the side of the pool but there is that one that caught my eye. We get along well and he's fun. He asks me out and actually pays. He isn't all possessive if I want to hang out with male friends, but he doesn't fit the list. Oh come on, you all have a list. It's the "Perfect Person For Me" list.

The list started when a few terrible boyfriends ago, I decided to be no more 'misses nice dater.' If I don't like you hit the road, there is no sense in wasting my time. For example: you don't like hip-hop, you're cut. You don't like to dance, nope sorry back to the

dating pool. You can't change a tire, I'm sorry don't call me I'll call you. Seriously, why should I settle? I'm only 20, and a committed relationship is not what I need. But, if it happens it happens and I wonder if my list will be fulfilled or if it's like a game of memory that's missing some cards. No matches. I am sure you all get the point but does this list really matter?

My best friend and her boyfriend are pretty different. He likes rap, she likes country, she likes romance movies, and he likes action flicks. But aren't these

normal male-female differences? How can you tell if your differences run deeper than that? I know that I have gotten that weird cut-him-loose-now feeling before and shaken it off only to find that I should have gone with my first instinct. Then again that could have been weirdness due to things other than differences.

Anyway back to the list. I think the reason the list is so important to me is because I want to be able to share things with a person I care about and if he can't tell me one joint by Method Man then, well, we have a problem. I

mean, I don't think Mr. List will be an exact match, but I would like him to be close.

I guess when I really think about it, it's the big things on the list that count, like money and money (just kidding). The big things would entail, are you a heroin addict and do you wear tight jeans (I can't deal with tight jeans)? Maybe I will throw out a few things on my list because I kind of like the fact that my world isn't confined to pros and cons right now.

Differences can be good, as long as they come in baggy jeans.

Closed captioning may raise price of movies

ADAM SHIVER
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Going to the movies isn't an inexpensive venture anymore, as you very well might have noticed. The last time I visited the theater to see a movie it cost a whopping \$7.50 per person. Well the price of a movie might be changing soon, and certainly not for the better.

Recently the deaf community made their opinion heard on the subject of closed captioning

in movie theaters.

The hearing impaired are pushing to have closed captioning added to theaters everywhere. If this change takes place though, the cost of doing so will undoubtedly fall upon the shoulders of moviegoers.

While the increase in price is enough reason to say no to this high-priced venture for me, I also feel that by adding the captioning to the movie screen, it is severely going to detract from the movie going experience. I personally go

to the movies to get the full effect of the huge screen, ear-piercing surround sound and by putting captioning on the screen it is simply going to make me feel as if I'm sitting at home watching TV. As soon as someone turns on the closed captioning on the television, I am drawn to the text at the bottom of the screen, and begin to totally ignore the action taking place on the screen. This can be a real distraction for many like myself.

I have nothing against the

hearing impaired, but feel that if we the movie goers are going to be burdened with the cost, we should do something that is going to make everyone happy, and try to save a few dollars doing so.

Currently some theaters carry special glasses that are distributed to the deaf, at no charge, that present the captioning on the lenses, leaving the screen free of unneeded wording. This to me is an excellent idea. It gives the deaf the captioning while providing for an enjoyable experience for

other moviegoers at the same time. This makes a win win situation for all. This option will most likely not be as expensive either, saving everyone a dollar or two. With some theaters already carrying this feature, and their cost of movie tickets being competitive with other theaters still, the cost would not rise very much.

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GRAY MATTERS

By CHRISTOPHER ZAPATIER

Long, hot summer by the pool

It has been so long since I've seen the sun that my reflection barely shows up in the mirror. My tiny, Caucasian buttocks look like two matzo balls. At last the day has arrived when no responsibilities stand between me and a day of stone-cold poolside lounging: no work, no school, no errands, and as usual, no date. I grab my sunglasses, my sunblock and my sandals. I eyeball the six of ciders in my fridge and give serious thought to stowing a few in my Jansport. I reject the idea for fear I might fall asleep poolside and some passerby will call a coroner to haul my ghostly-white corpse away.

When I arrive at the amoeba-shaped retention pond known as the community pool, the big golden-red sun looks like a nuclear explosion a mile high from the ground. The pool is actually spotless, without the usual nautical debris of beer cans and the freshmen who died drinking them by diving head first into the shallow end. Every other patio chair is occupied by a scantily-clad coed so I cannot take a seat anywhere without infringing on somebody's space and possibly looking like a pervert. As I settle on to a pool-chair, the bikini-clad bulimics check to see who is ogling them so they can pretend they resent the attention while secretly gorging their emaciated self-esteem on it.

I remove my shirt. I marvel at how four consecutive years of cardiovascular exercise, lifting weights and depriving myself of any cuisine remotely related to delicious still has not turned me into the lean, mean Latin love machine I dream of being. I scowl at my innertube midsection which looks and feels like uncooked pizza dough.

I set my sights on a dainty vixen across the pool. As she unravels her bikini top I rebuke the shoulder devil urging me to scream "Fire!" at the top of my lungs. As she stretches out on her belly I patiently wait for an accidental peripheral pectoral exposure. The money-shot is right about to play out when I am physically assaulted by one of mother nature's most heinous creations -- the lovebug, a bug whose only purpose in life is to mate, get in your face, then splatter on your windshield. I will confess that I feel no guilt whatsoever about flicking these pests into oblivion with all my middle finger's might.

Minutes later I am awed then repulsed by the sight of two Deep South cultural attaches exhibiting behaviors widely accepted in their region of origin, but generally considered tasteless and low-class in that of the civilized. This Southern-Fried couple is French kissing like Siamese twins joined at the tonsils. Somehow this redneck couple has infiltrated the black, iron gates that surround my complex and found their way to the swimming pool, seriously hampering my sense of security in the process. He proudly displays his obligatory-to-the-uneducated tattoos which proclaim, "I will never be anyone's boss," and she proudly displays her beer belly which puts Homer Simpson's to shame. They come up for air just long enough to suck down another Pabst Blue Ribbon and flick a cigarette butt anywhere but where it belongs.

Fast forward one-half hour. I pull a 180 so the sun can brown the tender white flesh of my back when I am suddenly debilitated by an ache in my groin. I have been wounded in the male Achilles' heel that is dangling testicles. The pain amplifies with each passing second like the horn of an approaching train. Just when the hurt reaches its apex, I am distracted by an exotic, erotic Nubian princess gracefully entering into the pool area. Her silhouette looks like a flickering flame against the backdrop of the midday sun. She glides ethereally across the pool deck and drops her belongings on the chair right next to mine. She removes the towel enshrouding her perfect hour glass figure revealing skin which is a bombastic blend of onyx and milk chocolate. She saunters down the stairs descending into the pool and takes a seat on the top one. She seems content simply surveying the pool's inhabitants, basking in the mid-afternoon sunshine and shifting my imagination into fifth gear. Occasionally she glances in my direction, at times even making eye contact with me, but nothing substantial enough to warrant an approach. I steal glimpses of her for the 15-20 minutes while mentally rehearsing anything witty and charming I can say to her to start a conversation.

At last she reemerges from the water, plump drops of H₂O glistening on her skin like tiny diamonds. I have rehearsed my pick-up line in my head a dozen times and have mustered up the courage to deliver it as soon as she comes into range. I feel her standing next to me... Time to make my move... I look up and see nothing but clouds. She has collected her stuff and is on her way back to whatever magical place she came from. She disappears into the sun like a ship into the horizon. As quickly as she came into my life she was gone. Well, it's not the first time and it certainly won't be the last.

It's gonna be a long, hot summer of calling in sick for work, sleeping through classes, outdoor barbecues, mid-day debauchery and bikini-babe poolside rejections. It's gonna be a long, hot summer, but I do believe I am ready for it.

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LISA APPELGATE
STAFF WRITER

Is there anyone out there who is safe from the lyrical wrath of Eminem? Listen to his new CD "The Marshall Mathers LP" before you formulate your answer to that. This album far exceeds "The Slim Shady LP" in more ways than one.

After all the hassles he received because of controversial songs on his first CD, one would think that he might tone it down a bit. That's what someone who doesn't listen to Eminem would think anyway.

Even after the ten million dollar lawsuit filed against him by his own mother and his new

marriage to the girlfriend he has pretended to murder repeatedly on his CDs, Marshall Mathers doesn't cut these two women any slack. Two songs in particular "Kill You" and "Kim" are directed at them.

"You don't want to mess with Shady, cus Shady will f---ing kill you" is just the beginning of a CD that will make his previous release look shy and tame.

If you haven't heard the first single off the CD, "The Real Slim Shady," it's because you live under a rock. Eminem is competing for "pop" airtime with all the "lil girl and boy groups" that he despises, whether he likes it or not, and he is giving them a run

for their money.

He bashes a lot of people, besides his loved ones, on this record. Most notably slammed are Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears, New Kids on the Block, Insane Clown Posse and N'Sync. "New Kids on the Block sucked a lotta..." well, you can guess where that one goes.

Three notable songs are "Who Knew," "Marshall Mathers," and "Criminal" in which Eminem raps about the prices of fame, his influence on people, and how he's just a "regular guy." He also points out that, even though people think he has skewed values, the president of our country got busy in the oval

office with an intern.

By far, the standout track on this album is "Stan." Eminem skillfully raps about an obsessive fan that wants to emulate him so badly that it scares the artist himself. The chorus is taken from a track on UK artist Dido's CD called "Thank You." She will undoubtedly receive a lot of attention for her haunting voice on this song.

Other performers that contribute lyrical talent to this release are Dr. Dre (who also produced both of Eminem's CDs), RBX, Sticky Fingaz, D-12 (or the "Dirty Dozen"), Snoop Dogg, Xzibit, and Nate Dogg.

If you were offended by his

first major release then stay away from this one because you could be mentally scarred for life. Some messages may be a little different, he does focus on his success a lot, but the underlying theme remains the same and his middle finger is still waving in the air.

Anyone with a sense of humor who can appreciate some of Em's messages enough to ignore the more hateful ones (that he claims not to mean anyway) will really enjoy this CD. Its great beats and smart rhymes are worth every value you may think you're sacrificing upon purchasing it.

Wet N Wild Summer Nights

PATTY CANEDO
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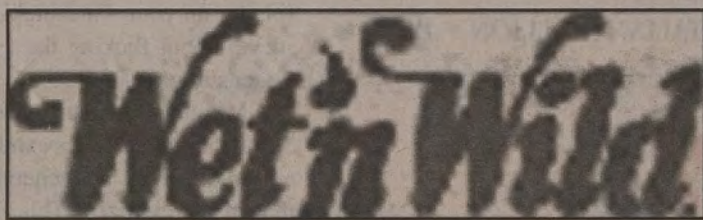
Is the summer heat driving you crazy? Need somewhere to cool off? You can chill out at one of Orlando's coolest spots, Wet N Wild.

From the top of the "Blackhole" tunneled waterslide to the lazy river that surrounds the park, you can shake off the dreary days of the blistering heat. But for those of you have to spend the day in class or in the daily grind, Wet N Wild is holding its exciting event now in its 13th year.

Summer Nights is a special offer from Wet N Wild, which extends the hours of the park till 11pm; as well as adding some

specialty attractions. Every night the park will be filled with DJ's, music, games and ultimate

at the waterpark. June 23 marked the 1st annual Fiesta San Juan celebration. In celebration



adventures. In the midst of all the waterslides, you can climb up a 24ft Rock Climbing Wall or bounce on the Bungee Trampoline. For all those who can't get away from your daily obligations till later in the evening, Wet N Wild offers a discounted ticket price after 5pm.

The Summer Nights aren't the only exciting thing going on

of the Latin culture. The park was converted into an all out party. Latin food, tropical drinks, prizes, Latin music, and dancing were just some of the activities planned for the day. Playing on the Wet N Wild Beach Club stage were Latin entertainers Cuco Reyes of Orquesta Vibracion, Omar Alexis, S'tilo and Silvana. Planned for the occasion and

keeping in Latin tradition, patrons were going to take a splash in the many pools of the park to bring good luck for the following year. However, when the festivities just began to warm

up, the rain began to pour down.

But in any event, the Summer Nights promotion will continue through August 4, rain or shine.



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Mel Gibson is at it again, reprising his role as a freedom fighting, butt kicking hero. This time its on a new battlefield, one a little closer to home, and it brings more meaning to the holiday we are about to celebrate.

"The Patriot" brings its viewers back to the year 1776 in colonial America where, as everyone knows, a budding country was being oppressed by big, bad Britain. Many lives were lost as the American Revolution raged on and the colonists fought to be free from the king's reign.

This sounds very familiar, right? No, the ending of this

movie won't surprise anyone who took U.S. History, but the usual Hollywood twists and turns make this movie an emotional adven-

Gibson plays Benjamin Martin, an ex-warrior turned pacifist who wants nothing more than freedom from Britain, but

his seven children to join the war effort. His oldest son Gabriel, played by Heath Ledger ("10 Things I Hate About You"),

he so vehemently believes in.

When the Martin family plantation becomes a battleground for the soldiers to fight on, a British redcoat colonel (Jason Isaacs) upsets the balance of their quiet, farming life. Benjamin Martin seeks revenge and starts a rebel militia to fight more for his own cause than his country's.

As the story and war progress, with more plot twisting events, Martin realizes that the country's freedom is worth fighting for, even if his revenge has to take the backseat for a



story of Benjamin Martin (Mel Gibson), a reluctant hero who is swept into the American Revolution when the war reaches his farm and the British endanger what he holds most dear. He takes up arms alongside his idealistic patriot son, Gabriel, and leads a rebel American Militia into battle against a relentless and overwhelming Redcoat army. In the process, he discovers that the only way to protect his family is to fight for a young nation's liberty. But his dark past haunts him.

Read what people are saying about *The Patriot*

ture that most people today will be able to relate to.

not at the expense of his family. This widower will not part with

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Robert Rodat, who also penned "Saving Private Ryan," so the battle scenes are extremely bloody, but still very moving. But unlike "Ryan" which was kept rather simple plot-wise, "The Patriot" adds romance that doesn't really have a place in this movie and could have easily been left out to shorten this three-hour epic adventure.

Although none of the main characters (aside from the British General Cornwallis) were written about in the history books, some were based on real people. Gibson's Benjamin Martin is a mixture of many historic patriots, and Isaac's character Colonel Tavington was based solely upon Colonel Banastre Tarleton, who was nicknamed "Bloody Ban the Butcher" because of his immoral, gruesome fighting tactics.

It was interesting to see this movie that Mel Gibson chose over "Gladiator" (he was first in line for Maximus). No one will ever know for sure if he made the right choice by playing a character that's reminiscent of his famous "Braveheart."

"The Patriot" is emotional and inspiring, Martin brings patriotism out of the troops, as well as the audience, with his "star spangled banner" flag-bearing scenes. At the same time, this movie is extremely long-winded and could have been made at least an hour shorter.

Perhaps it would've fared better with a July 4th release date. That is what is being celebrated, is it not? So, instead of setting central Florida aflame with ear-popping fireworks, why not start a new tradition: remembering why we have the day off. Go and see a movie that shows the reason this war was so important and why we should thank our lucky stars every day that America was victorious.

— Whass Up Hollywood —

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Eminem will appear in court on September 13 for his deposition in a \$10 million lawsuit against him. His mother, Deborah Mathers-Briggs, filed the suit last September. Em is being sued for defamation of character for comments he made about Mathers-Briggs during interviews for "Rolling Stone," "The Source" and "Rap Pages."

On July 7, Em will appear in a Michigan District Court on weapons charges from an argument he had with Douglas Dail (Insane Clown Posse) in front of a car audio store. On July 11, Eminem will appear in another Michigan court at a preliminary hearing for weapons and assault charges. Allegedly, Em saw his wife, Kimbely Scott Mathers, kissing another man, John Guerra. Guerra filed a civil suit against Em for assault and the intentional affliction of emotional distress.

On a lighter note, Eminem's latest album has been in stores for five weeks and has sold a little over four million.

Legendary rap group **The Furious Five** is suing Will Smith for copyright infringement and unfair competition. The group says that Smith illegally used a sample of their 1979 song "Superrappin" in his single "Will 2K", which is on his latest album Willenium. The Furious Five are seeking a trial by jury, general damages and an accounting of Smith's profits. Willenium has gone double platinum.

Madonna recently bought Diane Keaton's Beverly Hills mansion for \$6.5 million. She also dished out another \$16 million for a London mansion. The Material Girl's mansion in Miami was recently sold to an aspiring pop group called the Burgundians. The nine-bedroom, 8-1/2 bathroom mansion sold for \$7.5 million. An unnamed person, whose identity will be revealed on July 12 when the house deal is closed, is supporting the group financially. According to the Burgundian's publicist, Dindy Yokel, the band's sound is similar to that of the Monkees, *NSYNC and the Spice Girls.

The usually friendly **Britney Spears** was anything but nice during the recent filming of her new video Lucky.

While shooting the video in Orlando, the usually calm pop star was very touchy. She was unhappy with her clothes and sent her wardrobe people all over town to find new stuff. She yelled at the director and had visitors chased off the set. At one point she almost called off the shoot, but made herself continue. Spears' friends think it could be the lack of attention she is getting from *NSYNC boyfriend Justin Timberlake that is agitating her.

Drew Barrymore is left heartbroken after her boyfriend, MTV comic Tom Green, ended their relationship. Barrymore was at Tom's side throughout his testicular cancer treatment and had hoped to marry him. Green had his sperm frozen so he could father



Barrymore's children. However, after Green's movie "Road Trip" was released, he decided he didn't want a serious girlfriend or a wife. Barrymore is diverting her attention by

concentrating on Charlie's Angels.

Backstreet Boy Kevin Richardson married his love of six years, Kristin Willits, on June 17 in Lexington, Ky.



Richardson met Willits at Disney-MGM Studios in 1993.

She was a dancer in the "Beauty and the Beast" show. He was performing as a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. Their first meeting was in the employee cafeteria. John Willits, father of the bride, said: "It was a beautiful wedding. They were made for each other. They've both done very well."

Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid have separated after almost 10 years of marriage.

Their publicist, Lisa Kasteler, declined to say whether or not the couple will divorce and asked that the couple have privacy during this difficult time. Ryan and Quaid first met in 1987

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Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE WEIRD

-- Males, especially, Should Not Read This Item: In June, an 11-year-old boy in Grimsby, England, standing on a chair holding a snooker cue stick as if riding a pogo stick, with the tip at the juncture of his legs, slipped and fell to the floor, incurring perhaps the most serious injury possible under the circumstances (although he is recuperating satisfactorily). Scrotal repair was necessary, as was abdominal surgery, to fix the rupture caused by the protruding tip of the stick.

Compelling Explanations

-- Disabled Springfield, Mass., police officer Charles Peck, 55, asked the city council last year for higher benefits based on his 1982 squad car crash that ended his career. Peck was hurt so severely that he was declared dead at the scene (only to be resuscitated at the hospital), and his latest petition demands benefits equal to his full salary, which is an amount available only to surviving spouses of deceased officers. Thus, Peck appears to be claiming that since he was declared dead in 1982, he actually is his own survivor. At press time, the Springfield city council had not decided.

-- Dennis Ferrer, 56, was arrested in Chalmette, La., in March and charged with stealing from the donation box at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church. Ferrer had on him three thin rods with a sticky substance on one end, and \$381, but said he was not stealing the money, but rather freeing it because the church was run by communists.

-- Pedophile Pediatricians: Dr. David Mark Stier, 42, pled guilty in Charlotte, N.C., in March to having sex with an underage teen-ager. (Though a pediatrician, said his lawyer, Stier in reality "had no idea the age of this child.") And in Alexandria, Va., in February, Dr. Jonathan L. Weinstein, 32, was sentenced to a year in prison for possession of child pornography. (According to his lawyer, Weinstein got no personal pleasure from the pornography, but was merely a pack rat who accumulated things; said the lawyer, Weinstein still has "Froot Loops that date from 1995," "chocolate pudding from 1983," "guitar strings," and "his teen-aged T-shirts.")

Bright Ideas

-- In April, alleged Mafia boss Vincenzo Curcio broke out of the high-security Vallette prison in Turin, Italy, by patiently sawing through the bars with dental

floss. (The prison, built in the 1970s, had installed bars of abnormally soft iron.) And the month before, Texas inmate Antonio Lara used a makeshift dental-floss-like substance to saw his way out of his cell at the Coffield facility near Palestine, Texas, allegedly in order to kill rival Roland Rios in another cell.

-- Prospective bride and groom Dorrell Mainer, 38, and Kevin Rainey, 41, were arrested in Brooklyn, N.Y., and charged with attempting on June 7 to rob a Chase Manhattan Bank (a robbery they had to abort when a teller delayed getting the money). The couple had scheduled a huge wedding for June 10 with out-of-town guests, intending to pay for it with a tax refund, but when IRS denied the refund, according to police, the bank robbery was the best way the couple knew to pay the caterers and avoid disappointing their relatives.

People Who Are Not Like You and Me

According to a University of Cologne archaeologist, addressing a meeting in Cairo, Egypt, in April, nearly all prehistoric sites along the Nile valley have been spoiled by land and building projects, and now tourists are destroying Egypt's Western Desert sites. One of the most ruinous tactics, he said, is tourists' pouring water over 9,000-year-old paintings so they can see the features more clearly.

Least Competent Criminals

Dennis Sullivan, 23, was arrested in January for the robbery of what he thought was an armored car, according to Manassas, Va., police. In reality, it was a laundry truck delivering towels and mops to a Bowl America. Said a police officer, "(Sullivan, holding a sawed-off shotgun), ran up to the (driver) and said, 'Give it up.' The (driver) said, 'What?'" Sullivan grabbed a bag and ran but soon realized he had a bag of mopheads. By the time police spotted him running for his getaway car, he was no longer dangerous because his shotgun, which was snug against his arm underneath his long-sleeved shirt, had become tangled in the shirt and could not be aimed.

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Whass Up Hollywood cont.

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on the set of the movie "Innerspace." They have stayed together through Quaid's past substance abuse as well as Ryan's estrangement from her mother and stepfather. (Ryan became estranged from her stepfather after he sold an article to a tabloid about her estrangement from her mother.)

Arnold Schwarzenegger and **James Cameron** are teaming up to make the third installment of "Terminator." Paul Hogan will begin shooting "Crocodile Dundee 3" in August. Oscar nominated writer/director M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense") has been meeting with George Lucas, Steven Spielberg and Harrison Ford about making a script for a fourth Indiana Jones. Spielberg would direct it in 2002. The last movie, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," was made in 1989. Lucas, Spielberg and Ford had planned on making another movie as far back as 1993.

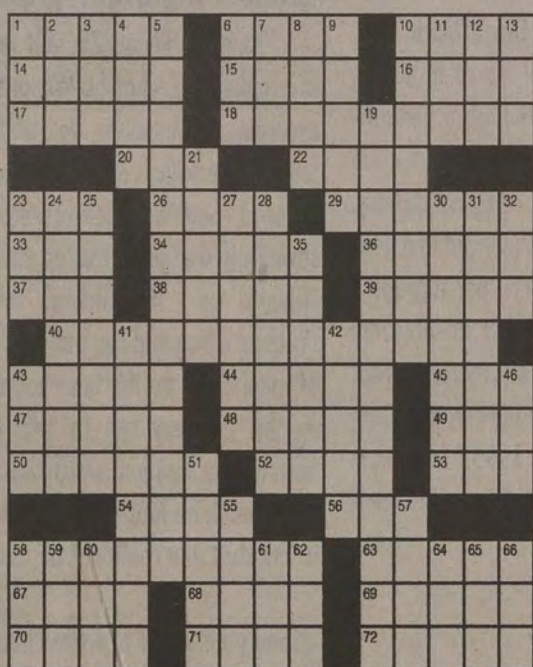
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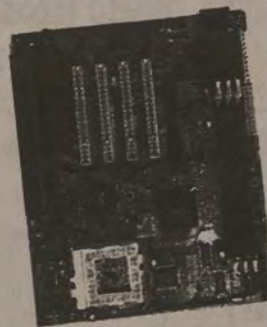
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Music Maniac: Music News

PATTY CANEDO
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Groovy tunes: What began as an 80's summer movement has grown to an underground sub-culture. "Groove" is an independent film that explores the complexities of the rave scene, from the musical style to the spiritual journey through life or escape from it. The film follows ravers through a night in San Francisco's underground scene.

While the movie slowly makes it's way through select parts of the country, you can find the soundtrack in any indie music store. It contains some of the purist underground tracks fresh off talented DJs' turntables. The music featured in the "Groove" includes Baby D Love (who plays "Guy" in the film), Octave One, Boozy & Swan (a.k.a. Robbie Hardkiss), Sons of Mecha, and lots more. The "Groove" soundtrack is filled with great dance music that'll give you a look into this increasingly popular society.

Hometown Blues: Since they came together in 1994, Blue Meridian has been playing venues all over Central Florida. Their original sound has a pop sensibility that sold over 2,500 CDs and earned them the title of "Best Rock Band in Orlando" in the fall of '99. But since the New Year the group has been toiling with its' ranks. After several auditions, the cream of the crop arose in late May.

New to the local scene, Greg David and Adam Sentz have joined veterans of the band Donovan Lyman and Kevin Kirkwood. The new band has a more edgy persona and

promises more energetic performances. The stage for this new energy will be at the Sapphire Supper Club on July 8, were they promise not only new material but a very wild weekend.

Along with the recent thrill of touring their hometown, Blue Meridian's memorabilia has been added to the new "locals" wall at the Hard Rock Café. Along side acquisitions from Matchbox 20, Seven Mary Three, Sister Hazel, and other musical greats, Donovan's 1971 Fender Telecaster and Kevin's snare drum will be mounted to commemorate the group's success. As well as displaying Orlando's confidence and pride in the band.

Reliving the Musical thrill: Sick of always missing out on big acts that come to O-town? Well you can experience the live performances of the big names in the comfort of your own home. Currently the longest running weekly concert series on television, Hard Rock Live presented by American Express captures the performances of the talent that pass Central Florida. Since its premiere on VH1 on March 30, 1997 it has included the eclectic mix of artists such as The Goo Goo Dolls, Boys II Men, The Pretenders, and lots more.

But for those of you who don't have cable there is "The Best of Hard Rock Live" CD. Released on June 20 it is a compilation of live music from three seasons of the hit show. It includes live performances from contemporary musical greats.

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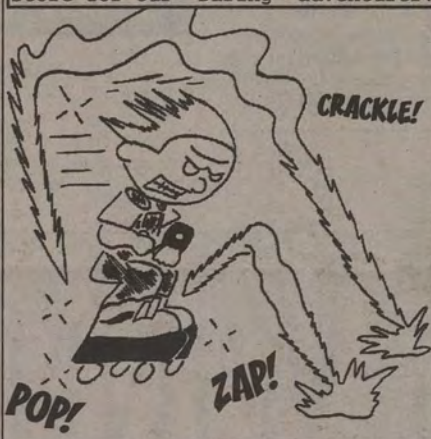
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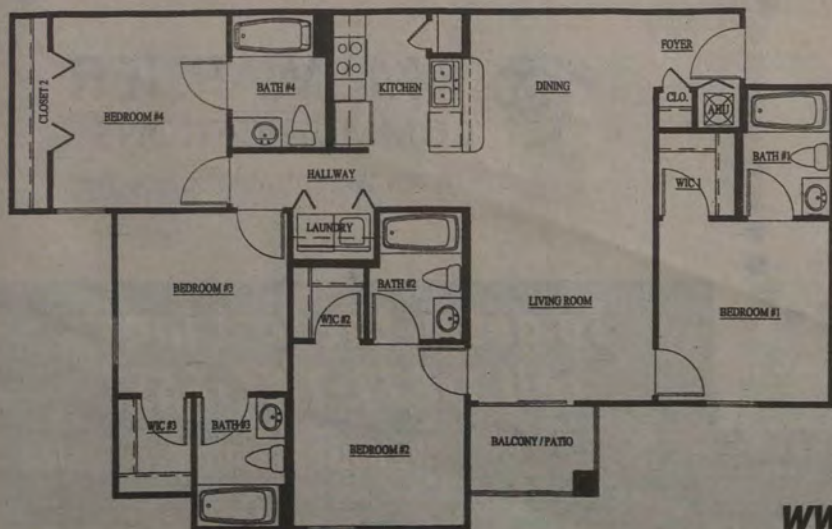


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SPORTS

It's now or never for Clark

Senior wide receiver Kenny Clark looks to finish his UCF career on a consistent note

NATASHA BERK
STAFF WRITER

For Kenny Clark, the time is now.

As a fifth-year senior and starting wide receiver for UCF, Clark must elevate his level of play if he looks to be a prominent leader on the team and be regarded as one of the country's top receivers.

"My personal goal is to be the best receiver in the country this year, and that's the only way I see it," Clark said.

Clark is one of the nation's strongest and fastest receivers, yet he states: "That still isn't the best receiver in the country."

Playing in every game last season, Clark caught 54 passes for 655 yards and led the team with six touchdowns. Yet, some inconsistent play plagued his overall performance and in his final year at UCF, he is taking a different approach to the game.

"This year I'm taking everything a little more serious," Clark says. "I'm not joking around in the weightroom. Last year I worked out really hard but still wasn't giving 110 percent, whereas this year I'm giving 110 percent outside as well as inside."

Currently, he says he is benching 355-360 pounds and squatting 550. His last time in the 40-yard dash was 4.47 sec-

onds. He says his fastest time is 4.41 but he feels he can get down to the 4.3 range before long.

During this offseason Clark spent four weeks training in Boca Raton with his cousin, former UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper, as well as other NFL and college players.

"They taught me a lot," Clark said. "They gave me a lot of motivational speeches and it helped. It shows on the field and in the weightroom how to be a leader."

Significant leadership is an element Clark must bring to the team this year along with an effective performance on the field. As a junior he assumed the role of offensive captain. This year, despite no longer holding the title, Clark's leadership skills must be more visible. His notable understanding of all aspects of the game are integral.

"He understands how to mentally and physically prepare for big ballgames," says UCF coach Mike Kruczek, "which will be a big asset in helping the younger guys that have to play for the first time against great opponents this season. He's going to have a big responsibility that way."

These leadership qualities

will be assessed when the Golden Knights begin their season against Georgia Tech on Sept. 2. Despite feeling the team did not play up to its potential last year in a 41-10 loss to Georgia Tech, Clark instills a positive outlook going into this season's game and feels that everybody seems to be focused.

"If we can keep that up (focus)," Clark says, "the sky's the limit for us."

Personally for Clark, the sky is the limit as well. He is confident he should be drafted and feels there are numerous players

on the team who should be drafted as well. Yet, in order to be considered for the early draft rounds, Clark must establish consistency along with production. Quite simply, Clark must catch the ball every time it's thrown his way.

"You can't drop passes," Kruczek said. "You have to be 100 percent all the time catching the football. I think if he'll do that this year and because of what we do offensively, he'll be a very visible receiver. The NFL scouts will see him run every type of route necessary to move up to the next level and he'll have an opportunity to play in the NFL."



Clark

Kenny Clark has all the physical attributes NFL scouts look for.

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Sunshine Network to replay 4 games

CFF STAFF REPORT

Knight Time Summer Time on Sunshine Network will be Classic Time for fans of UCF Football as Sunshine Network will replay four of its most memorable UCF games during the month of July.

The games will air Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. on four consecutive weeks beginning July 2. The

games were selected by fan balloting on the web site intotheknights.com

Forever to be known as "Daunte's Debut," Sunshine Network will show the opening game of Daunte Culpepper's career in a UCF uniform July 2. UCF upset fifth-ranked (I-AA) Eastern Kentucky 40-32, Aug. 31, 1995. Barely three months

removed from the halls of Ocala's Vanguard High School, Culpepper began his storied stay in Orlando with an NCAA record 12 consecutive completions to start the game. He finished 20 for 25 for 254 yards and three touchdowns and earned national Offensive

Player of the Week honors by the Sports

Network.

The following week, Sunshine

will air the

Idaho game from 1997. Fresh off its near upset of eventual national champion Nebraska, as well as an overtime loss at Ole Miss and a two-point loss to South Carolina, UCF played in front of the largest home crowd in school history Sept. 20, 1997. More than 41,000 showed up to see the team being touted by the nation-

al media as the "best 0-3 team in the country," rough up the Vandals 41-10.

Billed as a showdown between two of the nation's best quarterbacks, Culpepper and Louisiana Tech's Tim Rattay squared off in an early season matchup, which will be replayed July 16. Culpepper stole the show in the 64-30 win Sept. 5, 1998, in Ruston, La., passing for 370 yards and four touchdowns and rushing for 69 yards and two more touchdowns. UCF sealed the victory with a 30-point outburst in the third quarter.

The final game in the series, July 23, will give fans a chance to experience the excitement of UCF's bid to upset ninth-ranked Georgia on the road Sept. 25, 1999. The game hinged on a controversial offensive pass interference call, which took the Golden Knights out of range of a potential game-winning field goal in the fifth seconds.



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Last year's UCF vs. Georgia game will be replayed on Sunshine Network.